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On January 18, conservative, influential newspaper-of-record "El Mercurio" (circ. 129,000) ran an opinion piece by international pundit Karin Ebensperger entitled "China Today and Always." Quote:

"The real global change is cultural: slowly, the parameters of international relations will be shaped not only by Washington, London or Berlin, but increasingly by Beijing.... As it had been in the past for centuries upon centuries, China has returned to exert its benevolent domination.... Whatever political path China takes, it will have enormous pull not only in Asia but worldwide. Its emergence in global markets has become the turn of the century's most important political change; it has started an increasing 'de-westernization' world-wide. The economic - and cultural - axis has moved to the Asia Pacific region."

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